

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 14, 2014

In Attendance: John Hall, Beth Emery, Howard Reid, Laura Balm, Kate Wolfe, Cindi Perugini, David Sadler, Deb Stanley, Rich Pelletier (Planning and Zoning Council member), Chris Darby (Portland Board of Education, Middletown High School Teacher)

Action Plan:

Item #1: John reported it was suggested by Bob Santangelo that Complete Streets make one presentation to many of the Middletown Committees instead of addressing each one separately. John will inform the committee when a date is set.

Item #4: The Wesleyan Multi Use Trail Project is moving along. The engineering company of Malone and McBroom have been selected and are in the process of completing the Scope of Work which needs to be approved by the State DOT. When approved it will go before a public hearing and the next step is the project bid.

Item #5a: Westside Multi Use Trail: bike lanes need to be painted around Tuttle Place then a public event will be scheduled.

Item #7: Bike Friendly Community: Beth stated this is a huge undertaking and extensive documentation is needed. The city must file the application but CS can gather the information. It was suggested the application be reviewed by members and divvy up the responsibilities.

Item #8b: Arrigoni Bridge pedestrian and bike count: scheduled for Saturday 5/31/14 and Tuesday 6/3/14. David Sandler will be coordinating this project. A sign-up sheet was distributed to members during the meeting.

Item #10: CS impact on city projects:

Saybrook Road sidewalks, East Ridge and Ridge Road project, West Street and Washington Street pedestrian crosswalks, West Street bridge improvements.

Discussion regarding the committee having an input on getting bike lane signage or painting on the roads. Road suggestions included: Wesleyan to downtown to the Riverfront will work well in conjunction with the Wesleyan Hills Project. Rich Pelletier will bring this issue to the attention of the Riverfront Committee. This information will be included in the updated Action Plan.

Cindi will contact Gil Smart of the State Office of Rail to follow up on the repair work for the railroad tracks on River Road.

Kids Health and Safety Day Event: June 14, 2014:

Ron has made great progress with the event organizers and secured a location for CS to set up a booth and lead a bike ride. There will be a 4.5 mile loop around the Wesleyan area, which will be monitored by members of the committee. Ron will prepare a sign-up sheet with a list of responsibilities for volunteers.

Ron cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday April 23 9-10:30 at the Zion Church. Cindi will go in his place.

- Rain or shine event, however if pouring no bike ride.
- When will flyers be available?
- John will ask Deb Stanley if bike racks available through Parks Department
- Laura has sign holders

CS calendar: nothing new to report

Bike Race: Rich Pelletier was interested in organizing a bike race in Middletown with the assistance of Aidan Charles of Charles Consulting and Nutrition Counseling. He has addressed it with the Riverfront Committee but has not been successful for support for a race this year. He was continue to pursue this project for next year.

Woodrow Wilson School Outreach: Laura has been unsuccessful with communication with the Principal. She will made another attempt.

Parking Lot:

Parking Authority will be conducting a presentation regarding the parking lots near Kid City, Russell Library, and Pedal Power to the Planning and Zoning Commission. It would be an asset to have some bike racks placed in strategic locations conducive to commuters and those interested in visiting the downtown area. Beth will speak to the Director of Parking.

Senior Services Commission: Deb Stanley suggested someone from CS speak at a meeting. Beth volunteered to go to the May 5, 2104 meeting. She stated Parks and Recreations only involvement in the Health and Safety Day is setting up a table to promote programs.

Include in agenda for next meeting:

CS to revisit the list of agencies and committees originally discussed to determine if there is a necessity to reach out to new agencies. Retain contact with all agencies.

Next meeting: May 12, 2014 7 pm Council Chambers